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Two year old David Begin terrorizes Valley campus with his new set of wheels

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AFT working out new raise for faculty

By DAVID HELLESKOV
Valley Star Staff Writer

A rewarding amount of work has been performed by the Labor/ Management Benefits Committee, co-chaired by Carolyn Widener. Widener is the Guild Assistant Executive Secretaryof Health and Welfare. With the assistance of Guild representatives, Barbara Kleinschmitt, Darrell Eckersley among other union and management representatives, there is money available for a salary increase, which remains their number one priority.

Negotiating committees are currently working rigorously to complete the contracts, and get the best for it's members. After a dry spell of at least four years, they feel they're entitled to a fair share, keeping in mind the poor state of the California economy. This information was provided by the fourth negotiations bulletin, disclosed from the American Federation of Teachers.

According to Gail Tam, LAVC police officer, "we (the police guild) have read our proposals, the district has discussed some concerns, and negotiations will be held in the future". "We are several months behind in the negotiations compared to management, and the district decided to hold off on any issues dealing with money," Tam said.

"Some of our concerns are the disparity in pay, outdated pension, shortage of full time officers to keep the campus protected and the length between pay raises,"said Tam

Dr. Mary Lee was unavailable for comment. Penny Pollard, a history teacher at LAVC, said, "the AFT stands for American Federation of Teachers and we negotiate on wages, hours and working conditions". "The last offer was a 3% raise for regular faculty and 5.7% for an hourly rate, and this would be the first raise in four years," Pollard continued. "A meeting was held on 2/ 18/94 at the Union Headquarters for final negotiations".

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Disaster meeting draws guidelines

By STEPHANIE BALTAXE
Valley Star Staff Writer

On February 15, in the President's Lounge, a meeting was held on updating Valley College's present disaster relief plan. The meeting was led by Vice President of Administration Mary Ann Breckell . It was attended by members of the faculty that would be vital in the event of a disaster (including the head of campus police, manager of the cafeteria and maintenance supervisor.) The main agenda was how Valley College could be better prepared in an emergency.

It was the 6.8 Northridge quake that recently rocked L.A. that was at the forefront, but such disasters as fires and explosions were also discussed. The beginning of the meeting focused on what a teacher, in charge of a class of students, should do if such an emergency should arise.

Charts were made to map out the role the faculty would play. Included were assessing the situation, what to do with the injured, communication to other parts of the campus and local assembly areas. A sub-committee for training was established. It will be led by Kathleen Sullivan, the head of disabled student services.

Another concern was how best to deal with the special needs of the handicapped in a disaster. It was pointed out that faculty members should be prepared with a basic knowledge of wheelchairs. For example, how to disengage an electric wheelchair so that it can be pushed manually. A red cross booklet about how to evacuate the disabled, as well as possible in person training, will be looked into.

Currently, there is an emergency generator that would give the campus lighting for a half an hour if the electricity were to go out. The generator is somewhat old, but is checked by maintenance once a week. All faculty at the meeting were concerned with improving the present disaster relief plan. The next meeting will be held on March 15th.

Toward the end of the meeting, Earth Science teacher Richard Rascoff stated "If you are prepared, it is power."

Assoc. Student union seeks answers

By LAURA DENIS
Valley Star Staff Writer

The Associated Student Union held its fourth Executive Student Meeting to discuss fee reduction, upcoming festivities, and the appointment of a Vice-President.

Assemblyman Murray has asked Valley College students to support Assembly Bill 2617 which will lower the price per unit from $13 to $10. The ASU supports this bill and is planning a postcard drive. Eight different postcards will be available for students to sign and each will be sent to a different assemblyperson. The ASU has set a target goal of no less than 6,000 postcards be sent in one month.

The position of Vice-President remains unoccupied because Article IX, Section 5A, states in part, "The office of Vice-President shall be filled in case of vacancy by a two-thirds absolute majority of the executive council." This means the only legal way of replacing the Vice-President is through council vote so the recent election results are invalid.

Dean of Academic Affairs Mary Spangler has been promoted to Vice-President of Academic Affairs of Los Angeles Community College District. Feb. 23 is her last day .President Lee will appoint someone to replace her.

ASU Chief Justice Robert Burns was threatened to be impeached. A 2.0 grade point average is needed to hold this position. Burns transferred to Valley College this semester from Westpoint Academy with a 3.5 GPA. David Emmerson, an Associate Justice made the claim that Burn's Westpoint GPA is not transferable. The Executive Committee, however decided that Burn's GPA is acceptable.

The upcoming Earth Day festivities will include live bands, club booths, and the National Hemp Organization will be on campus with a petition. Free AIDS testing is coming to LAVC in mid March, and Teacher Appreciation Day is March 17.

Administration of Justice class student patrolling deters crime

By LISA GUADAQNO and BRENDEN MORRIS
Valley Star Staff Writer

Parking lot E, campus patrol notices a car on, and vibrating. It's radioed in. Campus police immediately arrive on the scene and discover the car is running and locked from the inside. The hood of the vehicle is extremely hot. A slim jim is used to open the car door and the engine is turned off. The hood is opened and instantly, smoke, not steam, is released from the over-heating engine. Campus patrol prevented a car fire.

They wear neon yellow jackets and they carry walkie-talkies, and they can be found anywhere security is needed. They are the eyes and ears of the campus police. Students in the Administration of Justice class (AJ87) are known as the Campus patrol.

Students enrolled in AJ87 patrol the seven parking lots here at Valley and look after parking enforcement, run an escort-safety service and take care of crowd control at atheletic events.

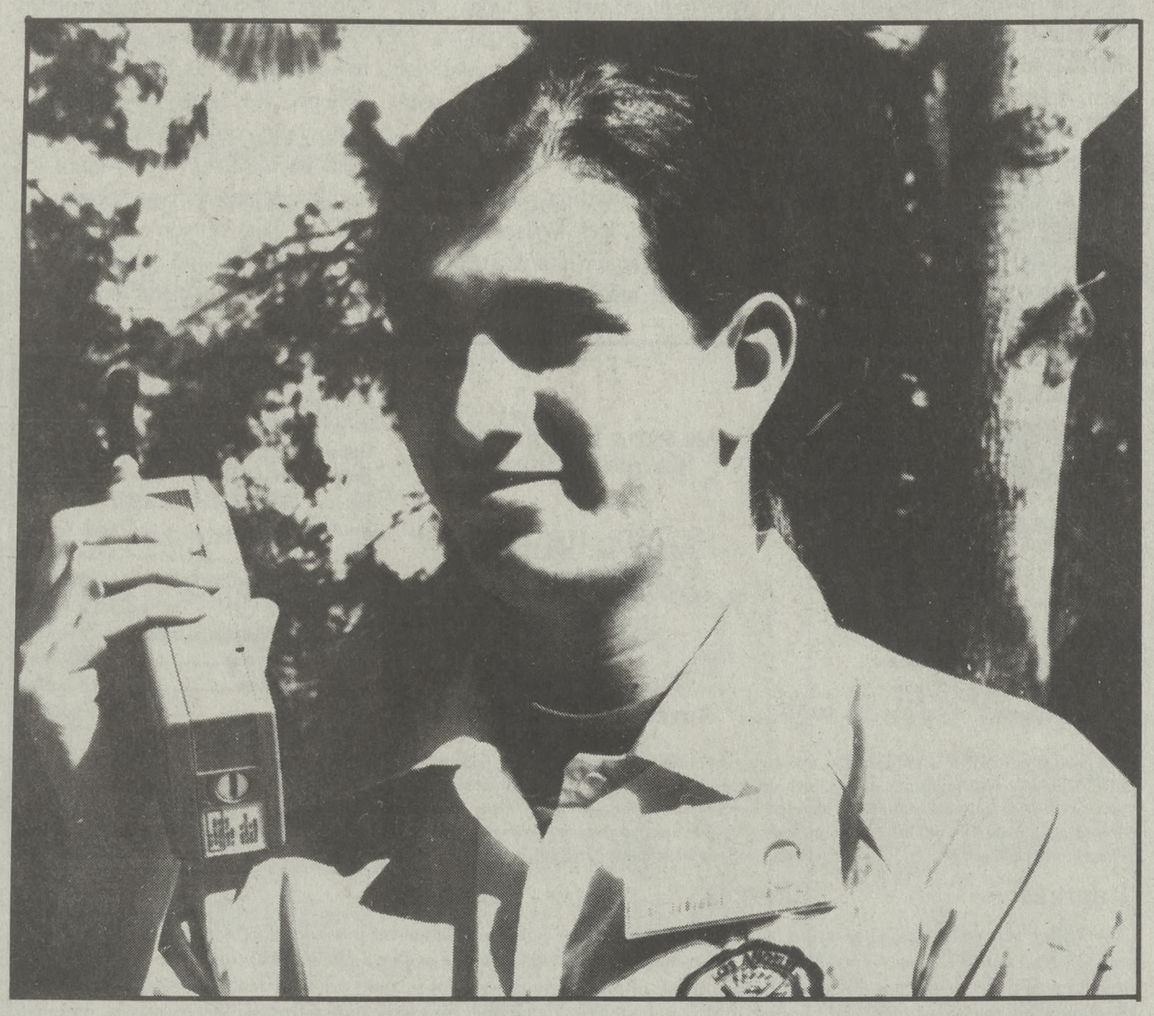
In-class lecturing is performed by J.J. Wolf and lab is headed by Captain Karl Traber. Traber is captain of police on campus and is retired from 22 years of service with the Los Angeles Police Department.

According to Traber, the campus patrol is directly responsible for deterring vandalism in the parking lots, grand theft auto, and burglary of motor vehicles. My end resulting goal is to eliminate all of the auto thefts and crime present at Valley and to try to make this one of the safest campuses.

Campus patrols are active from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m., Monday through Friday also on weekends during athletic events. The escort safety service is also available during those same hours.

The AJ87 class is small and Traber would like to see higher enrollment. Students who do enroll are interested in futures in law enforcement, and Traber says that the campus patrol is a great, hands-on experience.

She was on patrol in the parking lot and she remarked to the man standing by the BMW what, a nice car he had. Just minutes later she saw that same man drive by in a pick-up truck. She thought that was unusual so she radioed it in. The man in the pick-up was caught and an investigation later revealed that the man had indeed been trying to steal the BMW and that he had a previous record. Campus patrol prevented a possible grand theft auto.



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LAVC Administration of Justice student Paul Castro demonstrates security tactics for the camera

Editorial

We the people," are those immortal first words that ring out from the American Constitution.

In light of all the controversy and disagreements surrounding our First Amendment rights, one has to wonder just who the "We" is.

The First Amendment states that it prohibits " abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press." If this is so, then how can we explain the blatant cry for censorship that keeps cropping up in our courtrooms?

If we are to be free to speak, then how can any form of censorship be justified? Where do we draw the line?

In this decade of political correctness, we are in danger of offending someone just about every time we open our mouths.

The Valley Star does not believe it should be left up to the government to decide what we should see, hear, say or read. We support the First Amendment and absolute freedom of speech. It is our constitutional right to decide for ourselves.

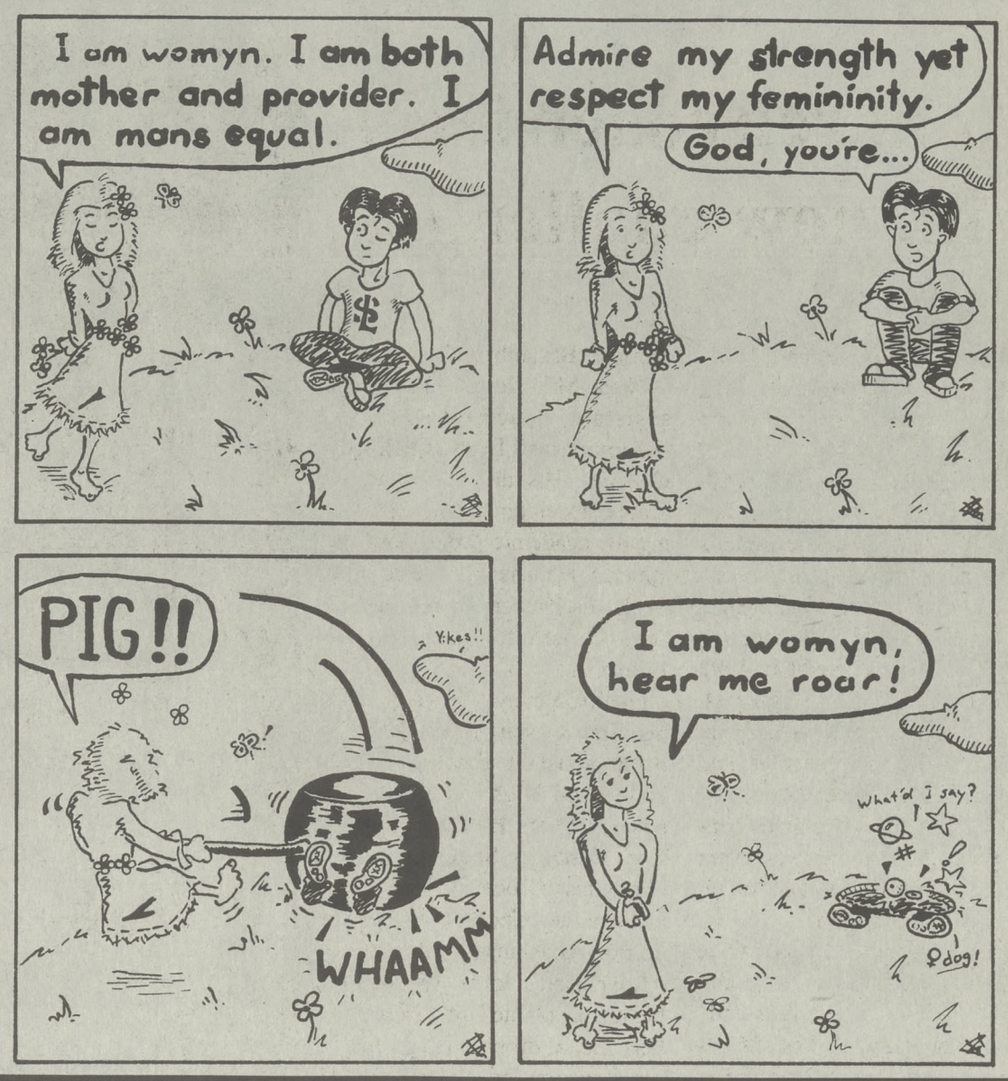
If parents feel that something is inappropriate for their children, then it is their responsibility to monitor and discuss these things with them.

We may not agree with someone else's views, but it is within one's rights to express them freely.

This is supposed to be a country founded on the principle of freedom. How free is it when our ideas are monitored by the government?

The move towards a faceless, thoughtless society is not just from science fiction novels. Maybe the George Orwell novel, *1984*, is only a decade off the mark.

This is 1994. Is Big Brother watching you?



❑ *Pro*

Awareness against offensive language is a welcomed quality

By D. M. RUSSELL
Valley Star Staff Writer

Is a college classroom a suitable arena for a professor to joke about sexual favors for extra credit?

After the academic freedom rally last week, I found myself asking what does academic freedom have to do with it?

Rights and responsibilities go hand in hand. Responsible academics show the same sensitivity in refraining from sexually offensive remarks as they do from racial and religious ones.

Academic freedom is not absolute. Freedom is a prize that has long been fought for.

Verbal harassment laws are obviously in existence because one of the smallest muscles in the human body, the tongue, is sometimes out of control. Words can be oppressive. Terrorists, for example, oppress their victims with words.

Although there are varied reasons why students come to college, many of us are on a journey to higher-mindedness and intellectual pursuit. You would think that the verbal degradation taught in the streets would not be found in a college curriculum.

In a society where we are still fighting for the legal enforcement of equality, should we not consider all causes of equal legitimacy, no matter what race, creed or gender?

Individual self-worth is relative to a person's experiences, which makes conscious awareness against offensive language welcome and is considered an admirable quality.

You don't have to be a feminist or pathologic to be offended by sexist remarks.

Sexual exploitation for grades and degrees has been a reality in many college institutions, and that's not funny.

Sexual harassment charges may be a little steep for a "slip of the tongue," but if all people would voluntarily filter their choice of words in every situation, interpretations about academic freedom would rest in the comfort of diplomacy rather than the fine line circumstances of offensive language.

The real issue at hand is 'respect.'

❑ *Con*

The way to preserve freedom of speech is to speak freely

By ROBERT FINKEL
Valley Star Staff Writer

Hanging around my favorite teacher's office one day last month, I heard a philosophical question. How come we always end up fighting for academic freedom in the toilet?

Well, here is a philosophical answer. It cannot be any other way if we are going to maintain a free society.

Some examples of a free society are the ACLU defending the Nazi's right to march in Skokie, Ill., a predominantly Jewish midwestern town, and the very conservative Supreme Court striking down George Bush's "flag burning" law.

Freedom of speech not absolute? I beg your pardon. I believe that the very first guarantee mandates that "Congress shall make NO law abridging freedom of speech." Sounds pretty absolute to me.

As far as encouraging voluntary cooperation in making a more genteel, less offensive, degrading society, here on campus or anywhere else, I'll endorse that effort. But as soon as a rule is made that makes professors think twice about what effect their "joke", or any statement that they may utter has on any student, the chill will begin, and not just in the classroom.

Soon the guardians of a "kinder, gentler" campus will start raising their eyebrows at certain styles of clothing.

Let's face it, certain revealing outfits are a form of sexual harassment also, but who can say anything about that?

The best way to preserve freedom of speech is to speak out.

Yes, the campus of today is less high-minded that the stuffy old campus of 50 years ago, but there is more encouragement of individual development, too.

These attacks on the unconventional, offbeat humor found in some political science professors' classrooms strike me as a plea for the return of the man in the gray flannel suit. Do we really want to go there?

A grim tale for California community colleges

By S. L. SALAMONE
Managing Editor

Once upon a time there was a laid-back, happy community in a laid-back, happy state, and in that laid-back, happy community there was a community college.

In the beginning, the community college offered free education. Students went to class for free, and the community saw that this was good, and went to school and was happy.

The community college had no requirements to enroll. That meant that anybody could attend and the community saw that this too was good, and took it for granted and went to school and was happy. That was in the beginning.

Then one day, a man named Pete Wilson arrived to govern in this laid-back, happy state and everything changed.

Pete Wilson didn't like community college. Pete Wilson felt community college was a waste of government money. Pete Wilson wanted to kill community college.

So things changed in the laid-back, happy state. Not big changes, no, little changes, slow, sneaky changes, and the community college worried.

At first, Pete Wilson said $5 a unit to go to school, and the community college said,"Help, help," but the community didn't listen and they paid because they were laid-back and happy and $5 was not much.

Then, Pete Wilson said $6 a unit to go to school and again the community college cried out,"Help, help," but the community chose not to hear because $6 was not much and they took community college for granted and because they were laid-back and happy and so they paid.

Very soon, Pete Wilson became bolder and said $10 a unit per class, and the community college screamed out, but no one listened and the once laid-back, happy community wasn't so happy, but they paid because they were laid-back and because they didn't care.

The fees rose to $13 and will soon become $20. Pete Wilson knew he had won.

However, fewer and fewer people went to community college. Enrollment was down, programs were cut and slowly, and quietly the community college died.

And that is why children, there is no community college today. That is why only a priveliged few can afford to attend college and why so many have left that laid-back happy state.

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Letters to the editor

❑Former ASU commissioner has faith in Dr. Lee

Dear Editor:

How many of us can relate to the old biblical saying "Ye who has not sinned, cast the first stone?" At L.A.V.C. it is our very own Jack Sterk. Sterk is fired up and ready to stone Dr. Mary Lee for what may have been bad judgement. That, of course, depends on what side of the coin you are on.

What is disturbing to me is Lee has done a lot for this college. She has gone out of her way numerous times to keep this college performing at excellence with a shoestring budget. What has Sterk done for the college but WHINE, WHINE, WHINE!!

Now with all irrational people, they must have an angry mob to follow their ridiculous witch hunt. In this case it would be the L.A.V.C. faculty and A.S.U.

I have spoken to several faculty members and members of the A.S.U. executive council who attended the meeting. Everyone has told me the same thing, it was a lynching for Lee spearheaded by Sterk. I asked what the vote was and I was told it was all but one who voted for the no confidence. I was also told several things such as... "I wish I could change my vote," and my personal favorite, "Everyone else did." This does not sound like people were thinking clearly.

I have full confidence in Lee. She was a great help to me when I served as Commissioner of Gay and Lesbian student affairs and as Commissioner of AIDS Awareness, unlike Sterk who seems to be too busy for anything not on his agenda.

I have lost confidence in the A.S.U., and I don't think I ever had confidence in Sterk.

It is a shame that all of those people believe they are so perfect that they have no confidence in Lee. If memory serves correctly, Christ said the above quote and he didn't even dare to cast the first stone. Why should we?

Tracy D. Hart
Broadcasting Major

Monarch coach faced with new challenge

By HAROLD BROWN
Valley Star Staff Writer

Doug Michelson began his 26th season of coaching basketball, but in his first year as the new men's coach at Valley College, he iis faced withh a neww challlenge, that of rebuilding a floundering program. His top credit is 1992 Coach of the Year in California. He led the Lady Monarchs to six Conference Championships and two State Final appearances.

Michelson, has surrounded himself with a team of three assistant coaches to aid in the task of rebuilding this program.

Burel Ford, the first of three coaches, graduated from Michigan State University and currently is doing graduate studies at California State University Northridge. He teaches at a local area private school and handles the Monarchs Summer Basketball Camp.

Next, Mike Johnson, a former assistant coach at Oxnard, Moorpark, and Long Beach City Colleges. His duties will center around development and monitoring the academic progress of the athletes. He was a graduate from St. Louis University and he was also assistant coach for the Billikens.

Finally, Kenny Williams, starts his first season at Valley after being assistant coach at North Hollywood High School for the past four years. He was a graduate from Kentucky State University. His duties will be that of recruiting and scouting opponents, along with on floor coaching.

Michelson, a local product after being transplanted from New York City has a strong background in academics and coaching. He was a graduate from CSUN in 1965 after attending Valley College and

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Valley students Rochelle Pollack and Amy Leber clowning around for Star photographers

NEWS NOTES

Graduation Petition Deadline
Deadline to file for Fall 94 graduation is Tues., March 1,1994. Petitions are available in the Graduation Office-Admission building room 127. Call ext.403.

New Horizons Center
The New Horizons, a single parent support group meets every Thurs., from 11 a.m. to 12 noon in bungalow 14. Contact Barbara Goldberg at ext. 332 or 246.

Quake Blood Shortage
The ASU will sponsor a Blood Donor Day on Fri., Feb. 25 from 8:30a.m. to 1:45 p.m., in the auditorium in Monarch Hall. Donors must be at least 17 years old, 110 pounds or more and be in good health. Appointments are recommended but walk-ins are okay.Call 780-0652.

Scholarships: Business Majors
The deadline for applications is March 18,1994, for the Dr. Stewart Marsh Scholarships ($750.and $500) and the Business Department Scholarship ($250). Contact Associate Dean Dennis Reed for more information.

State Financial Aid Deadline
Due to the disruption of the earthquake, the California Student Aid Commision has extended to deadline for applications to April 2, 1994. Contact Dana Callihan (916)322-6504

Attention Transfer Students
University representatives will be available to meet with prospective students and answer their questions. CSUN representative will be in the Cafeteria on a drop-in basis Tues., March 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., and again on Mon, March 14, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Transfer Center by appointment. USC representative will be in the Transfer Center by appointment from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. on Tues., March 15. The UCLA representative will be available in the Transfer Center by appointment on Wed., March 16, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. A CSULA representative will be available by appointment in the Transfer Center Thur., March 24 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Students may make appointments at the Counseling Desk three days prior their visits. For more information

Un claimed Scholarships
Thousands of dollars go unclaimed every year. To see if you qualify contact Commisioner of Scholastic Studies Ella Archibeque ext.361.

Editorial Cartoon Contest
Deadline for entries for the John Locher Memorial Competion for student editorial cartoonists is April 1, 1994. Submit photocopies of your best four editorial cartoons along with your name and address, college, student newspaper, age, telephone and fax no. and date to: Dich Locher, room 444, Chicago Tribune, 435 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Il 60611-4041.

Career Development Workshop
A two-part workshop will be held on March 7 and March 14, 1994 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in Campus Center 203. Reserve your spot now by signing up at the Counseling Desk. For further information contact Career/Transfer Center Director Barbara Goldberg ext. 246.

Amnesty Office
The next I.N.S. citizenship exam will be held in the Campus Center March 12, 1994. The exam is open to everyone. Contact Ms. Janice Berger ext.320 or 242.

Transfer Workshop
A workshop to help students get through the "maze" of transfer requirements entitled, "How to Get From Here to There," will be held on Mon., March 21, from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. in Campus Center 203. It will also be repeated on Wed., March 23, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m. Students may sign up at the Counseling Desk. For further information contact Barbara Goldberg ext. 246.

Open House At The Stars
LAVC Astronomy Club will be sponsoring an Open House of the LAVC Planetarium on Fri., March 4, starting at 7 p.m. The observatory will be open for tours, a demonstration of the star projector will be held at 8 p.m., and refreshments will be served. For further information call ext. 335.

Telephone registration is headed for Valley

By STACEY LEWIS
Valley Star Staff Writer

Telephone registration is coming to Los Angeles Valley College. "Telephone registration would be one of the best things to ever happen for this college," said Dean Mary Spangler. Billy Reed, campus representative, has been heading this new registration movement from the administrative level.

Recently the Board of Trustees voted to purchase a contract to allow the system to be installed at the district office. "The telephone calls will be forwarded to the centralized system at the district office thus reducing the pressure placed on the administration during regular registration," said Spangler.

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Arts and Entertainment Calendar

Theatre: *Steel Magnolia* continues its run tonight Friday and Saturday. Shows start at 8 p.m. in the Little Theatre. Admission is $6 general and $4 for students with valid ID, and senior citizens. For information and reservation call 818-781-1200 ext 353.

Music: *George Hearn*, baritone, co-star of *Sunset Blvd,* performs today at 11 a.m. in the Music Recital Hall in the Music building. Admission is free.

Monarch Guitar Quartet performs live March 3 in the Music Recital Hall at 11a.m. Admission is free.

Film: *Sabrina,* starring Audrey Hepburn, Humphrey Bogart, and William Holden, shows Wednesday March 2 at 1:30 p.m. in BSc101



VINCENT NICOLETTI/VALLEY STAR

Steel Magnolias, playing tonight, Friday and Saturday at Valley College's Little Theater centers around six southern women, and their strong supportive friendship, intense love for one another, and celebrates family, friendship, life, love and death.

Live poets' society tries to keep dying art kickin'

By J.D. WOLVERTON
Valley Star Staff Writer

Would-be poets and writers at Valley College have a forum for honing their skills in the Literary Club, which meets Monday afternoons in the Humanities Building.

At a recent meeting, members gathered with English Department lecturer and poet Bill Wallis to read and critique their efforts.

Wallis said at the outset that the value of reading their pieces out loud before a group lies in "deciding what we like, and setting critical standards."

Wallis said that he and English Department lecturer Rod Moore, spend a lot of time with students in revisions of their work. "I'm not saying we have the right to piddle with the product of someone's soul," he said. Instead he emphasized that sometimes improvements are called for.

The first work read was *Intensive Care Unit* by George W. Heath, a registered nurse at a local hospital. Heath was unable to attend, so Wallis did the reading.

In its rhythms and cadences, the piece evoked the sound of the machines to be found in a hospital intensive care unit. Wallis sought to recreate these in his dramatically inflected reading.

"George's piece is brilliant, in that it's a concrete poem, extremely poetic and can be read in a variety of ways," Wallis said following the reading.

When a student judged the next work, *Love,* by Denora Martinez, to be trite and out there, Wallis responded, "There's a huge difference between truth and tritefullness." Another student remarked that what was trite to one listener may not be trite to another.

The poem was originally written in Spanish and translated for the meeting. Wallis said he did not think the group could hold translations to the same standards as pieces written in English.

A club member commented poetry is something that comes from the person. Something that cannot be easily revised. Another strongly disagreed, saying that a writer has to get used to rejection letters when submitting work to a literary magazine.

A woman in the group said that she would be grossly offended if she received a request from a publication to revise lines in a poem she had written. Wallis, who has been writing and publishing poetry for well over a decade, did not endorse this view.

Anyone enrolled at Valley can become a member of the Literary Club, which meets Monday afternoons at 1:30 in Humanties 108.

"This is not a creative writing class, but at the same time, everything's not cut and dried," Wallis said. "We would really appreciate anyone who would like to come." Works submitted to the club will be considered for publication in the next issue of Manuscript, the literary magazine of the English Department.

American Ceramics Society

Come see the American Ceramics Society Design Chapter opening on Monday Feb. 28.

The reception will begin at 7 p.m. and run until 9 p.m.

On display will be works of ceramic art by instructors,and former students of Valley College.

Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Funny Man Rudy Coby

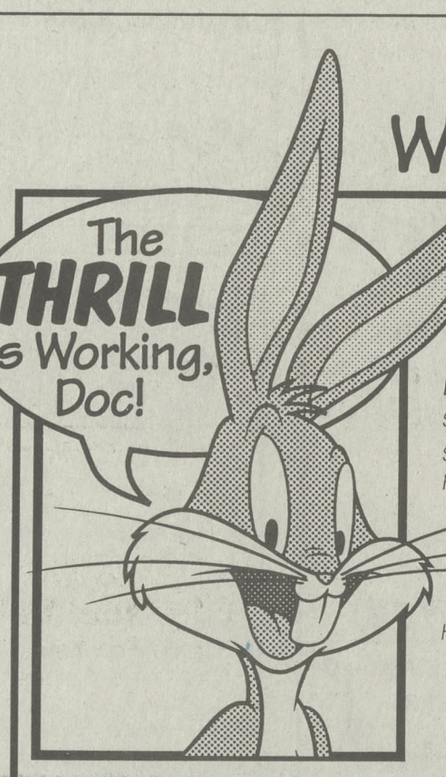
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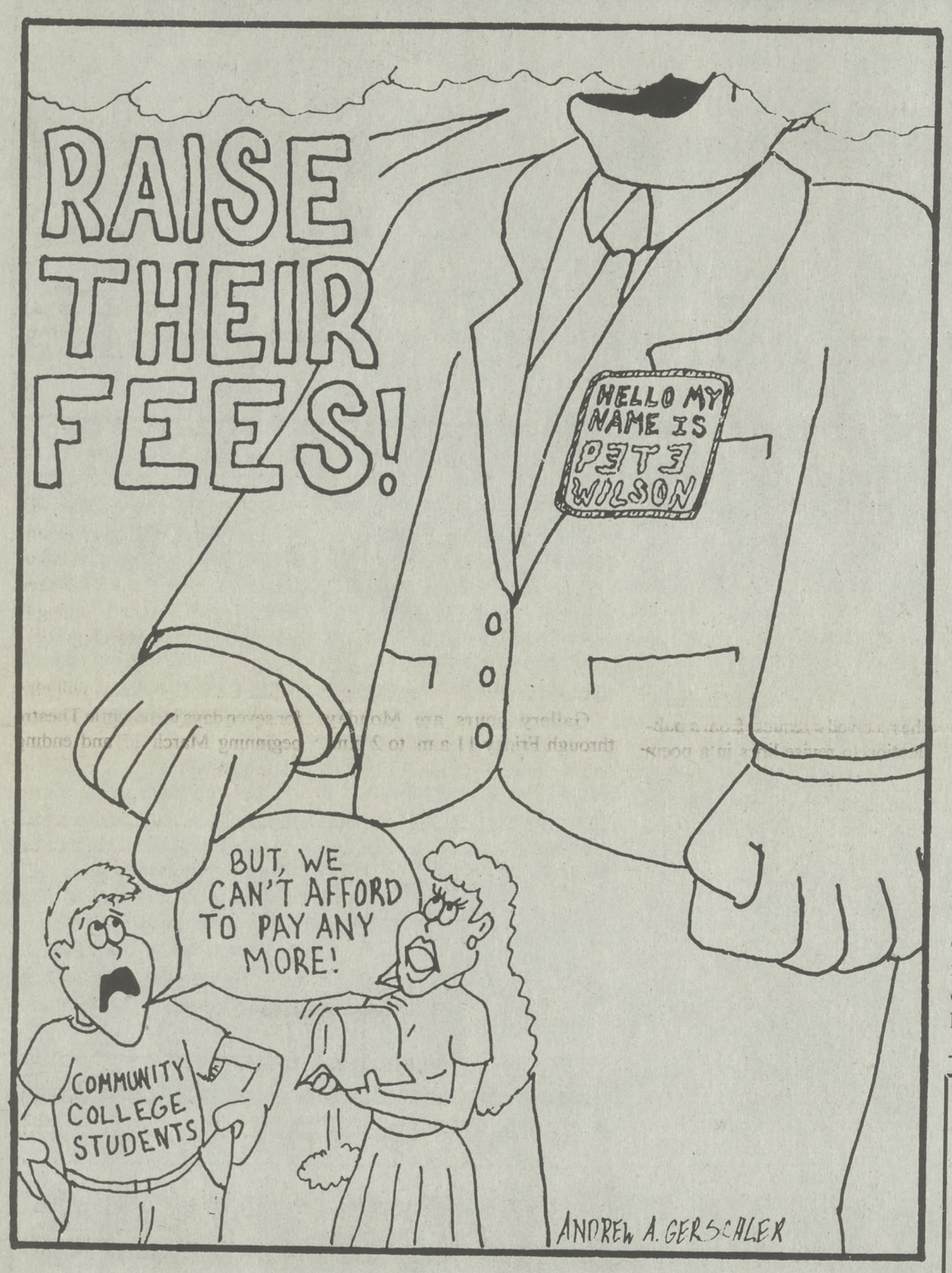
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Financing Earthquakes and damages

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By LAURA DENIS
Valley Star Staff Writer

If your home was destroyed and you are currently having financial difficulties due to the Jan. 17 earthquake, fret no more, mortgage relief is available. The type of relief available depends on the type of loan for which you qualify. If you fall into any of the following categories, contact your loan lender.

The Federal Housing Administration loan (FHA) is available to any qualified borrower up to a maximum of $151,725. The FHA does not make a loan, instead it insures the lender. That way if the borrower cannot make his or her payments or if they go into foreclosure the lender doesn't lose money. The FHA is also offering loans of up to $25,000 to aid in repairs to damaged homes.

The Department of Veterans Affairs (DVA) is offering financing to qualified veterans for up to a maximum of $184,000 to purchase a home. The DVA is helpful in other ways as well; they have offered the use of foreclosed properties to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to those left homeless. They have placed a hold on closing properties in escrow to allow time to asses damages, and they have allowed veterans to tap into some life insurance funds to get cash.

The Federal National Mortgage Association (FNMA) or "Fannie Mae", as it is commonly called is offering up to $203,150 in relief funds to homeowners. FNMA is offering five relief efforts to homeowners who experienced damage in the quake. FNMA has agreed to waive late payment charges, temporarily suspend loan repayments, renegotiate the loan to extend the term for repayment, not report late payments to credit bureaus, and assisting borrowers in assessing damage, filing insurance forms and expediting monetary refunds.

The Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corporation (FHLMC) or "Freddie Mac" offers up to $203,150 to damaged homes. Like the FNMA, the FHLMC offers relief to borrowers who experienced damage in the quake. The FHLMC has agreed to suspend collection, foreclosure and eviction proceedings for up to 90 days. They have also offered to work out late payments, and check out the qualifications of any contractors involved with repairing the property.

The California Department of Veterans Affairs (CAL-VET) has a program available to all qualified veterans for the purchase of homes up to $198,750. All contract holders are guaranteed replacement costs as stipulated by the insurance coverage.

Primary Conventional Loans are held by the original lender. Although no outstanding unanimous relief efforts have been made available, homeowners should contact their lenders. Lenders do not want to own the homes, they lend the home. So it is in the lender's best interest to work with the homeowners by making available options such as partial payments, extending the term of the loan or reducing the interest rate. If you have any further questions you should contact your lender as soon as possible.

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Swim team begins season with respectable finishes

❑Both men and women place fifth at Santa Monica Relays

By AMANDA L. DUCHOW
Editor-in-Chief

The Los Angeles Valley College men's and women's swim team had their first meet of the season on Saturday, Feb. 19 at Santa Monica City College.

The men and women finished in a respectable fifth place out of 12 teams. "We had some excellent times for our first meet of the year," commented swim team coach Bill Krauss.

The men's team had their best finish, fourth place in the 400m butterfly relay with a time of 4:04.0. The swimmers competing in the race were Raymond Akopyan, Bobby Bodrogligeti, Sarkis Chatlyam, and Jim Nelson.

Finishing fifth place in the 400m individual medley relay with a time of 4:05 were Valley swimmers Raymond Akopyan, Lupe Sanchez, Randy Bucciarelli and Bobby Bodrogligeti.

"Raymond had some very good swims," said Coach Krauss regarding the freshman from Glendale High School.

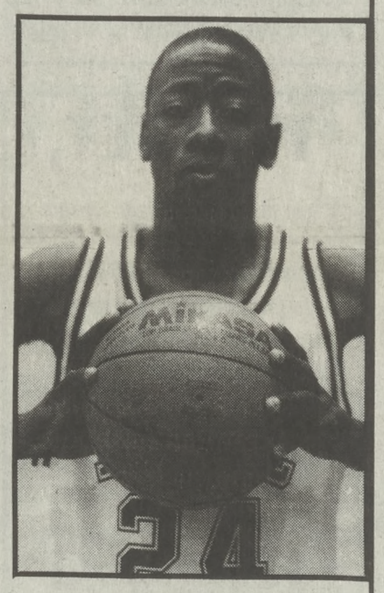
The women's best finish was a fourth place in the 200m butterfly relay. Swimmers Maribel Montanez, Ann Choi, Heidi Smith and Shanyn Myers finished with a time of 2:03.

Maribel Montanez, Ann Choi, and Shanyn Myers also received a fifth place finish in the 400m free relay with a time of 4:06. Krauss said "Shanyn Myers turned in some very good early season times."

The swim team's next meet is March 2, at Fullerton. "They have a strong team and will give us some good races," said Krauss.

Athletes of the Month





Kim E. Smith/Valley Smith

Vonya Dangerfield and Kenyth Henry led the Monarchs in January.

Freshmen Vonya Dangerfield (who was a redshirt last year) emerged as a force in January for the Lady Monarchs basketball team. Dangerfield, a graduate of Van Nuys High School, averaged 15 points, 7 rebounds, 2 assists, and 4 steals per game, in the month of January. Dangerfield shot over 50 percent in January.

Kenyth Henry, a freshmen out of El Camino Real High School, averaged 19.5 points and 8 rebounds per game in Western States Conference play. Henry scored 30 points and grabbed 10 rebounds in Valley's overtime victory over Glendale College in the conference opener.

Henry's highlight came when he scored the game winning shot against Santa Barbara City College.

compiled by-
Hovik Kazanchyan

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Monroe High school. He also received his M.S. in 1973 from Pepperdine University in school management and administration.

He began his career teaching and coaching at Polytechnic high school, in Sun Valley in 1966. In 1978 Michelson, was selected San Fernando Valley Coach of the Year by the L.A. Times. He lead the Fighting Parrot's boys varsity to five Easy Valley League Championships and compiled a 129-54 record.

This team made a trip to the City Finals at Pauly Pavilion in 1977.

Michelson accepted the boy's varsity coaching position at William S. Hart High School in Newhall after two years at Pierce College where he complied a 30-29 record.

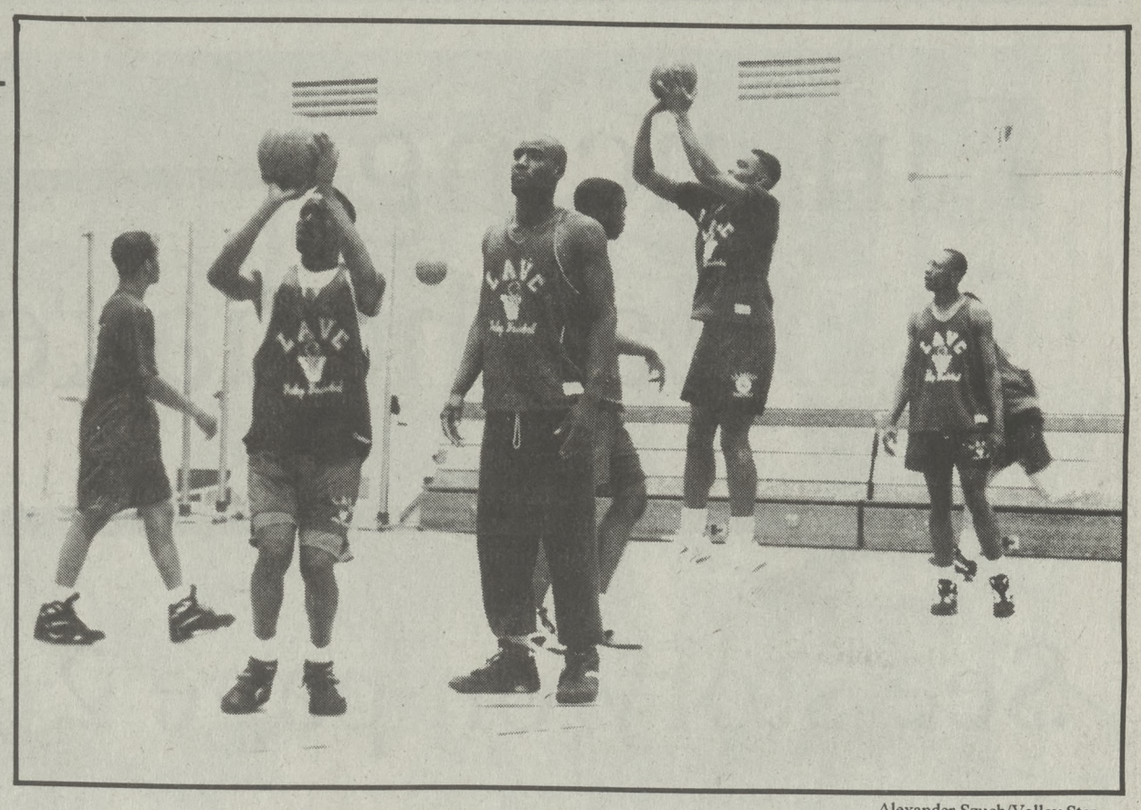
He currently teaches at Hart and is the athletic director for the Indians. Under his coaching in 1984 the Indians went 19-4 and advanced to the CIF quarter finals and his overall record was 69-34.

Michelson started coaching the Lady Monarchs in 1987. In a six year period he took them to two state finals and to the State semi-finals twice. He was selected Coach of the Year four times and awarded the California Community College Coach of the Year by the California Coaches Association. His record during this time was 184-29.

Michelson credits the late Ralph Cadwell while at Valley in helping him shape a coaching philosophy and inspiring him to go into teaching.

The Monarchs and Michelson finished this season 11-19, but if form holds, then this program will be turned around in a short period of time. This experience, the assistant coaches and the returning nucleus of players from this years team seems to be the buds of a new success story. The trail that has been blazed certainly speaks out for what he has done and a good predictor of what he'll do as the new men's basketball coach.

Michelson has been married 29 years to Joan, they reside in the Santa Clarita Valley. They have two grown sons Matt 28, and Mike 24.



Alexander Szuch/Valley Star

Although they played hard,both men's and women's basketball teams failed to make the play-offs.

❑ *Weekly column*

Our basketball teams fall short of play-offs

Both teams ended their seasons earlier this week

By HOVIK KAZANCHYAN
Sports Editor

Why doesn't Valley College have a basketball teams in the State Tournament? What a disappointment!

When the seedings (ranking of the top 16 teams for the play-offs) for the State Tournament came in earlier this week, I couldn't help noticing that Valley was missing from the list of play-off teams.

How could this be? Did it have something to do with Coach Doug Michelson leaving the women's team to become the men's coach, and Coach John Taylor taking over the women's team?

What ever the reason, it is a sad story for a school not to have a team in the post-season. Especially for the Lady Monarchs who had hopes of winning the State Championship, according to Taylor.

I can't help but wonder what would have happened if Michelson had never left his position as Head Coach of the women's team. Michelson had a streak of great seasons with the Lady Monarchs, and came within a game of winning the Championship a couple of times.

Michelson took over the men's basketball team when Jim Stevens retired from coaching at the end of last season. Michelson's assistant last season, Taylor, became the women's head coach, and started out the season with a positive outlook. But it didn't turn out that way.

Both coaches should look for ways to turn this around for next season. Whether it's recruiting, or preparing the team for the game, Michelson and Taylor should find the missing link and put it back together.

The Monarchs have a great coach in Michelson, and his former assistant and player, Taylor, is coaching the women. It is a mystery as to why the Valley teams have underachieved so much.

There's always the other side. What if the Monarchs didn't do a good job recruiting, and our coaches did the best with what they had. With North Hollywood High School doing so well, we should have recruiters there all the time.

We hope that our baseball, track, and swimming teams can bring some pride to Valley, as we wait for next season.

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